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My dear Colleague.

I have often wished to write to you during the last 5 years, but postal communications have been so difficult and the numerous restrictions have stood in the way; but I take advantage of a brief visit to Holland, to send you my affectionate greeting. I can never forget the great

kindness you have always shown me since we first met in London in 1892, and the encouragement you have given me in the trifling efforts I have made in the field of learning.

I have had the pleasure of seeing our old friend, Professor Snouck Hurgronje, who is in excellent health and full of vigour. I visited him several times, and always thought of that pleasant occasion in 1912, when you and I were his guests together and you made fun of me for dividing my interests between individuals, so

unlike one another as Muhammad and St. Francis. What a happy day it would be, if we could repeat such an experience!

I hope that the enclosed appeal will gain from you a sympathetic response. I know that you have a very friendly feeling towards Professor Browne; and this is the first time that a Festschrift has ever been proposed in England for any English orientalist. Professor Snouck tells me that Continental scholars have grown tired of Festschriften, but I

Hope that you will not be influenced
by such a feeling on this occasion
and I am sure that it would
afford Browne great satisfaction if
you were to take part in it.

Sir Axel Stein spent a long holiday
with us in England in 1917 and 1918,
and we talked much of you. He
was anxious to communicate with
you, but the difficulties in the way were
too great. He is now in India & writes
happily from there.

Mit herzlichsten Grüßen

Yours ever sincerely
T. W. Arnold.